

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please **amend** the Abstract to read.

-- The circuit arrangement has a power supply unit (~~I, II, III~~), a mains switch (~~S1~~) and a switching element (~~R1~~), for example a relay, that bridges a first switching contact (~~1~~) of the mains switch (~~S1~~). A load (~~L~~) is coupled to a control terminal (~~4~~) of the switching element (~~R1~~), so that when the control voltage (~~US~~) is turned off for the purpose of opening the switching element (~~R1~~), the load (~~L~~) is simultaneously turned off. The circuit arrangement contains a microprocessor (~~UP~~), in particular, which is supplied with an operating voltage (~~U1~~) by the power supply unit (~~I~~), and which is coupled to the control terminal (~~4~~) of the switching element (~~R1~~) for control of the switching element (~~R1~~). The load (~~L~~) is a fan, for example, which is switched off in a delayed manner when the circuit arrangement is switched off by means of the mains switch (~~S1~~). --